



# Job Service Employers' Council Minutes

*February 28, 2007*

*Missoula Workforce Center*

## Attendance

**Members Present:** Justine Morris, Jan Van Fossen, Adina Roe, Kelly Warren, Kassie Garland, Wanda Williams, Laura Marshall, Doug Harrison, Lynn Stocking, Robin Cahoon, Janet Van Dyke, Ceil Barr, and Bruce Morris

**Members Absent:** Hallie Price, Cindy Boies, John Mikkelson, Renee Ashworth, Wolf Ametsbichler and Matt Grandy

**Job Service Representation:** Deborah Gass, Barb Kennedy, Tom Gorman, Lynda Hartless and Gary Swartz

## Meeting

### Introductions and Member Updates

Introductions were completed. Bruce Morris announced that the Training Center in Nevada can hold over 800 people. Lynn discussed the brand new curriculum at the COT for energy technicians, and mentioned that they have online summer courses.

### Member Spotlight

Adina Roe was born and raised on the east coast in Virginia. She moved west about 17 years ago to Colorado Springs and later moved to Missoula to attend the University of Montana. She got her degree in Journalism and worked in retail and restaurants. After college she worked in film production in the San Fernando Valley and later moved back to Missoula to marry her husband Brad and has four boys between the ages of 9 and 3 years old and a black lab. She worked in HR and administration at Partners in Homecare and the Hospice House. She has been the HR Director for the Good Food Store for the past 5 years.

### Special Award

Justine Morris the past president was given an award thanking her for her years of service and contribution to JSEC.

### Minutes

January minutes were reviewed and approved.

### Announcements

Lynda gave a job Fair update and reported that we had 34 employers registered for the event and that we have online registration available this year.

Bruce Morris announced that after 19 years as a member of JSEC his travel schedule has increased and he has decided to step down and resign from the council. Bruce was a founding member of the council. He invited everyone to visit the Nevada Training Center whenever they are in Las Vegas.

### Committee Reports

**Executive Committee** – changes to the bylaws were presented to board. Doug made a motion to accept the changes and Laura seconded the motion which was passed by the council.

**Presentation**

Gary Swartz of the Missoula Workforce Center gave a presentation on the Programs and Veterans Units. The Programs unit administers a variety of Federal and State employment training programs. They provide short term training and currently have 40-50 clients in the adult programs. Gary discussed how an individual becomes eligible for these programs and described a current participant who had successfully entered and completed the program and was now permanently employed in a new career.

Gary also described the veterans programs available and mentioned that Montana has the second highest number of veterans as a percentage of our population.

**Adjourned**

Next meeting will be held on March 28 at the Currents Aquatic Center.

*Submitted by Deb Gass – Missoula Workforce Center*